

FACTS IN FEW LINES

The population of Russia is increasing 1,500,000 annually.

The average yield of wheat in Russia is less than half that of the United States.

The export of sole leather from the United States averages about \$500,000 a month.

Sugar beets thrive in different kinds of soil in divers climates and over a large area.

Exclusive of locomotives we manufacture 30,000 engines of 2,000,000 horsepower every year.

An admiral flies his flag at the mainmast, a vice admiral at the fore and a rear admiral at the mizzen.

The Russian official organ in St. Petersburg has a fine name for the newsboys. It is the Pravitelstvi Vestnik.

In the province of Samara, Russia, 405,000 persons get their subsistence from less than three acres of land per capita.

This is how a Welsh paper wished its readers a happy new year: "Dioch yn fawr i chi! yr un peth i chiwthan, a llawer o honyn' nhw."

An orange measuring twelve inches in diameter and weighing nine pounds has been grown by F. Gerber of Braam River, Kona, South Africa.

A sealed bottle containing four pints of liquid air was sent from Berlin to Geneva, but on arrival it was found that three and a half pints had evaporated.

With a population of about 2,500,000 Paris has fewer than 100 negroes within its limits. It is claimed that the colored population of all France is less than 550.

The new cathedral at Liverpool will be remarkable for its high vaulting of the nave and choir—116 feet, measured in the barrel vaulting, and in the high transepts 140 feet.

A monumental work of reference, an encyclopedia of sixteen large volumes, is just being published in New York city. Whether by design or accident, not a page is numbered.

The United States is not the only government that is feeling a little nervous about the big guns on its warships. The new British 9.2 inch gun is not coming up to expectations.

Adult suffrage was tried for the first time in the commonwealth of Australia in the federal elections held on Dec. 16, 1903. The total number of voters registered was 1,700,000, of whom in round numbers 700,000 were women.

If one could save a cent the first day of the month, 2 cents the next day, 4 cents the next and so on, doubling the amount each day, he would have nearly \$3,000,000 at the end of the month, provided the month had thirty-one days and his salary could stand the pressure.

The characteristic feature of the automobile train invented in France is the principle that each car propels itself. The propelling force only is furnished by the locomotive. The latter, therefore, as it has no pulling to perform, but only to supply power, can be built proportionately very light. The coal for Japan's navy comes from Hakodate and Otaru, on the island of Yesso, which lies directly north of Nippon, upon which Tokyo is situated. They are two of the greatest coal shipping ports in the world. The island is about 500 miles, or two days' steaming for a man-of-war, from Vladivostok.

A Boston professor takes a whack at history by declaring that Columbus was a highly respectable and fairly wealthy gentleman, who paid a large part of the cost of his voyage, that he was tall and red haired, utterly unlike his portraits, and that Isabella had no jewels to pawn, having hypothecated them several years before 1492.

A recent bulletin of the department of agriculture says, "It appears that practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for good crop yield, that this supply will be indefinitely maintained and that this actual yield of plants adapted to the soil depends mainly under favorable conditions upon the cultural methods and suitable crop rotation."

The navy department has been making experiments as to the possibility of a crew escaping from a submarine in case of an accident while the boat is submerged. Two dogs were expelled successfully from the torpedo tubes by means of compressed air, with a wooden plug behind them, just as the torpedoes are fired. The tests show that men could escape in the same way.

Newspaper work in Russia is not pleasant. The government spends more money on its press censors than on its schools. Last year eighty-three papers were suspended for various periods, and twenty-six were forbidden to accept all advertisements, while 259 editors were told they could have a short vacation in Siberia if they continued their methods of reviving various public questions.

The Irish potato crop last year sold for \$151,638,094 and vies with the tobacco crop with returning the greatest amount per acre of any of the principal crops. Although there were less than 3,000,000 acres devoted to it, the yield of 84.7 bushels an acre, at an average price of 61.4 cents, is equivalent to an average net realization of \$52 an acre. Tobacco yields, according to the figures given, \$53.46 an acre.

At nearly all the larger railroad stations in Manchuria Russian settlements have made their appearance. Besides railroad offices and houses for employees there are also many private buildings. There is one impediment to the expansion of these settlements, for no regular sales of lots are yet arranged for. It is said, however, that there will be a regular auction sale of lots organized. In the meantime private persons are allowed to occupy lots temporarily.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. H. C. C. Co., full, druggists refund money.

Brussels Carpet!

These prices at 50c are good for the price, but those at \$1 are the 10 wire brussels, the very best.

There are hall and stair designs, small figures with borders, and not what we would call a bad pattern in the entire lot.

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Women folks tell us Fairmont is a very dirty place. That they have to be continually buying new curtains. The many pairs we have sold during the last month would lead us to believe they were right.

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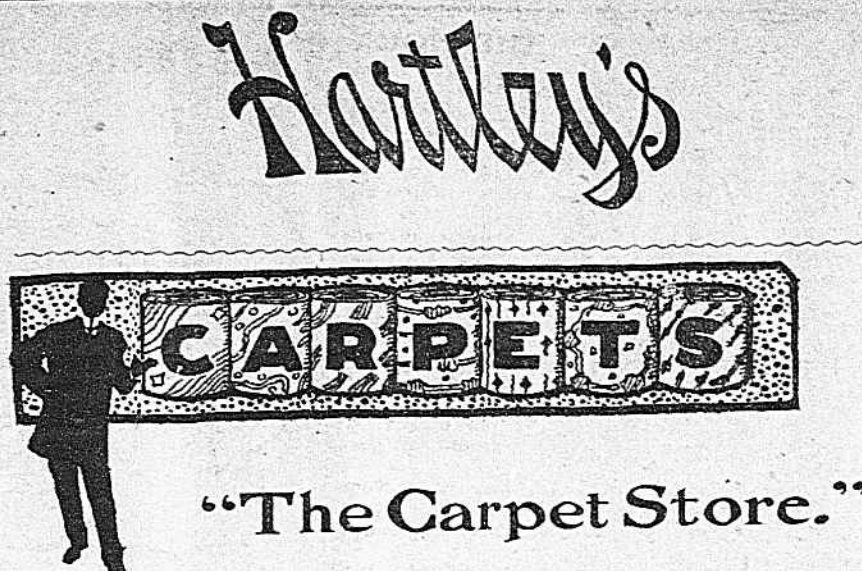
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Ingrains of Cotton, 25, 30 and 35c yard.

Ingrains, Half Wool, 40, 45 and 50c yard.

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DATE CHANGED

For Commencement Exercises of the Public Schools.

Owing to the production of the Country Circus at the Grand on the 28th, the dates of the commencement exercises of the Fairmont public schools will be changed to Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th. The exercises will be held at the Normal Auditorium. Mr. Hunt, of the Second Ward building, will hold his exercises on Friday evening, and Mr. DeBolt, of the South Side school, on Saturday evening. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged at these exercises.

The High School commencement will be held May 31. The attendance at the Barnsville school is cut down this week on account of an epidemic of measles.

News comes from Washington that the theatregoing public in that city are very much interested in the forthcoming appearance of Miss Percy Haswell in her Japanese play, "O Kiku San." Miss Haswell is a great favorite in Washington, and the fact that the scenes in the play are laid in the national capital naturally adds to the interest excited.

Those insurance agents ought to carry accident policies for their own benefit.

Druggetts!

There's no doubt but what the drugget is the coming floor-covering, but the time hasn't come. Yet when anybody has a license to throw away a good carpet, only to replace it with a druggett.

Two good points in favor of the latter are: They can be taken up and cleaned once a week, and be changed around from room to room without alterations. People living in rented houses would do well to buy them and would show wisdom indeed by coming here for them.

Ingrain Art Squares!

9x9, \$6.50. 9x12, \$8. 12x12, \$12. 12x15, \$13.50.

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PRAYER MEETING

RECOMMENDED BY ACTING MAYOR FOR POOR JIM MEANS.

Cebe Satterfield Could have Paid Out If He Had Had the Money.

Jim Means was arrested again last night.

Jim doesn't get any more of those heart to heart talks, or advice to the love lorn. Acting Mayor Engle told him this morning that his only chance was to get a number of brothers and sisters together for a prayer meeting, and sentence him straight to heaven, (presumably with an ax). Jim drew five dollars and ten days in jail.

Cebe Satterfield from Riverville was the other one. "You are charged with indulging in too much Fairmont whiskey, Mr. Satterfield; is that correct?" "Well, I suppose I did take one drink." "Now uow" from His Honor. "Well that one didn't do the work." "Yes it did it always does." Mr. Satterfield, in what regiment did you serve in the Civil war?" was next asked him with the evident desire to instill some of the pride, which is the indisputable right of every veteran of the "late unpleasantness," into him. Upon receiving his answer, the Acting Mayor studied a moment and said, "I will make it as easy for you as I can; two and costs; six dollars, all told; are you prepared to settle?" "I guess I could pay it if I had the money," he replied, without any seeming attempt at levity, for he stated in the next breath that he remembered having eighty dollars shortly before an officer found him. He was allowed to go and dig up the six simoleans.

AT THE COURT-HOUSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Isaac Ruble and Eva Kerlin, Italians.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. A. Hartley and wife to Grant Arnett, property at Amos.

Oliver Goodnight and wife to Grant Arnett, property at Amos.

Grant Arnett to D. O. Hanes and A. M. Hanes, property at Amos.

Lottie Ornduff and husband to J. W. and A. M. Rowand, property on Pyles' Fork.

Roy B. Starn and wife to T. M. Holt, lot in Haymond Place, city.

In the Circuit Court.

The Standard Paint Company, a New York corporation, has entered suit against the Augusta Pottery Company, of Mannington. The suit is for a debt. L. S. Schwenck is attorney for the plaintiff.

RESOLUTIONS

Of the Ministerial Association Regulating Funerals.

- 1—Before arranging for any funeral the undertaker shall first consult the clergyman, who is to officiate.
- 2—The undertaker is to see that a carriage or conveyance is sent to take the officiating clergyman to the place of the funeral, and to return him to his home after the services are over.
- 3—At the time of burying, the undertaker shall obtain permission of the physician, before exposing the corpse in public.
- 4—The position of the officiating clergyman, in all funeral processions, is immediately in front of the corpse, or in the carriage immediately in front of the hearse.

"THE PEACEMAKER."

There is a great robbery scene in the Peacemaker, the play that will be presented on Monday night at the Grand by Miss Simmons and her company of home talent people. The incident is in the fourth act where the Squire's son (Will Engle), who has been disowned, returns to his father's (M. D. Boland's) house to secure papers which rightfully belong to him. The son's daughter (Lila Greiner) watches her father take the papers and handle some money. In entering the house the son sets off a burglar alarm and the old Squire enters the room with a gun in his hand to find not his son there alone, but his daughter's lover (H. H. Phaffler) who was attracted by the noise. The father accuses the lover of being the thief and things get exceedingly warm for the innocent young man until the child, who has watched the proceedings, sets things right.

The play is full of interesting situations, but not of the kind that are coarse and uncouth. A feature will be the stage settings, where a number of new things will be used.

5—Sunday funerals are to be avoided in all cases, where the condition of the corpse will permit it.

6—All expensive, ostentatious, unnecessary displays at funerals are to be avoided, as unbecoming and the presence of death.

Keeping tabs on writing them up following the war.

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